

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND
IMPROVEMENTS

For an additional amount for "Acquisition, Construction, and Improvements" for acquisition, construction, renovation, and improvement of vessels, aircraft, and equipment, \$416,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the amount provided under this heading may not be obligated until the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives receive and approve a plan for expenditure prepared by the Secretary of Homeland Security: *Provided further*, That the amount provided under this heading is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 83 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2007, as made applicable in the Senate by section 7035 of Public Law 109-234.

UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION
SERVICES

For an additional amount for "United States Citizenship and Immigration Services" for the development and the implementation of the Electronic Employment Verification System, \$400,000,000 to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the amount provided under this heading may not be obligated until the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives receive and approve a plan for expenditure prepared by the Secretary of Homeland Security: *Provided further*, That the amount provided under this heading is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 83 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2007, as made applicable in the Senate by section 7035 of Public Law 109-234.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS TITLE

Notwithstanding any other provision in law, the transfers and programming conditions of the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2007 shall apply to this title.

CHAPTER 2—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW AND APPEALS

For an additional amount for "Administrative Review and Appeals", \$2,600,000, to remain available until September 30, 2007: *Provided*, That the amount provided under this heading is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 83 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2007, as made applicable in the Senate by section 7035 of Public Law 109-234.

LEGAL ACTIVITIES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, GENERAL LEGAL
ACTIVITIES

For an additional amount for "Salaries and Expenses, General Legal Activities", \$2,600,000, to remain available until September 30, 2007: *Provided*, That the amount provided under this heading is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 83 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2007, as made applicable in the Senate by section 7035 of Public Law 109-234.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, UNITED STATES
ATTORNEYS

For an additional amount for "Salaries and Expenses, United States Attorneys", \$2,600,000, to remain available until September 30, 2007: *Provided*, That the amount provided under this heading is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 83 (109th Congress),

the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2007, as made applicable in the Senate by section 7035 of Public Law 109-234.

Mr. CORNYN. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. STEVENS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECESS

Mr. STEVENS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess until the hour of 1:30 p.m. today.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 1 p.m., recessed until 1:29 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. THUNE).

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AP-
PROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007—Continued

Mr. STEVENS. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CHAMBLISS. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I rise today to speak on the 2007 Defense appropriations bill. Senator STEVENS and Senator INOUE, as well as the entire committee, worked diligently to produce a bill that supports our troops and provides what our military needs to fight and win the global war on terrorism. I am pleased to say that this bill does just that. The bill provides \$453.48 billion in new budget authority for the Department of Defense, including the \$50.0 billion in additional global war on terror appropriations, and \$14.7 billion above the fiscal year 2006 enacted level, excluding supplemental funding. This bill provides our service men and women with the resources necessary to continue and win the global war on terrorism, keep our country safe, and improve the quality of life for soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and their families.

After visiting with soldiers stationed from the 48th Brigade in Tallil, Iraq, I am convinced that the members of the Armed Forces are wholeheartedly committed to accomplishing the mission. It is my belief that Members of Congress have a duty to support fine soldiers such as these and ensure they have the best training, equipment, and resources to defeat our Nation's enemies. We must never forget that it is essential we finish the job we set out to do because our own security rests in winning the global war on terrorism.

Over the past few months, we have seen many amendments that claim that withdrawing from Iraq is the right approach. The Senate wisely defeated those amendments. We have a responsibility to ensure that the governments of Iraq and Afghanistan are stable, have the ability to govern themselves as sovereign nations, and have the infrastructure necessary to maintain the rule of law. I am proud that the bill before us today allows us to continue to fight and win the global war on terrorism and also continues to enhance our research and development projects so that we will continue to be able to defeat those who raise arms against us.

One of the key provisions in this bill is the funding for new aircraft. By appropriating \$4.3 billion and approving a multiyear contract for the F-22A, the United States will maintain its position as having the superior air fighter well into the next few decades. Because my colleagues and I fought hard for multiyear procurement during the Defense authorization bill debate, we will be able to save the American taxpayer an estimated \$225 million over separate 1-year contracts for the next 60 F-22s. While some dismissed these savings as "insignificant," funds saved through this multiyear contract can be applied to other, crucial priorities during this time of war.

I am also very proud of the aspects of the bill which guarantee the United States will maintain its strategic lift capability. With an aging fleet, it is imperative we invest now in strategic lift aircraft to secure our future. The bill appropriates \$867 million to procure C-130Js. Coupled with an additional \$12 million for the C-5 AMP Program and \$2.3 billion for C-17 procurement, including language directing the Department of Defense to budget for additional C-17s fiscal year 2008, we can be assured that the United States will maintain a strategic force projection capability able to respond to crises any place on short notice.

We must remember, however, that the best investment we can make is not equipment, but in the warfighters themselves. I am pleased that this legislation appropriates \$45 million in supplemental education funding for local school districts that are heavily impacted by the presence of military personnel and families, including \$30 million for impact aid, \$5 million for educational services to support special-needs children, and an additional \$10 million for districts experiencing rapid increases in the number of students due to rebasing and the BRAC process. I have several bases in my State that will benefit from this funding and I can assure you that this funding is critical to ensuring that children of our military families receive the quality education they deserve. As a result of the 2005 base realignment and closure process, Fort Benning and school systems in the surrounding area will experience an influx of approximately 10,000 students into their school systems over